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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Tsuneo Nakata et al.

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For: LOAD DISTRIBUTING METHOD, NODE,  
AND CONTROL PROGRAM

Examiner: Andrew C. C. Lee

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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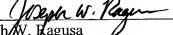
Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 3, 2009, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1, 3-13, 15-26 and 28-39) for initial examination on the merits.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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